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Reflection Paper #3

These 50 weeks have ramped up fast. I have been working on compliance settings, why verifying that you are compliant is essential, and how it reduces risk. Luckily, some of my Capture The Flag (CTFs) were compliance-related. I could relate to some of my CTFs, such as CyberPatriots and HiveStorm. They both focused on compliance and overall system hardening. Furthermore, I broke up the different compliance standards into easy and hard to implement because some settings should not affect the machine. For example, privacy-based settings are more accessible than complex settings, requiring stakeholders and IT professionals to work together to implement them.

Another assignment I have been working on is completing my part of the paper. I have been figuring out how to explain some compliance settings. This is difficult because the settings have no scores like 9.8 or 6.3. So, I have been slowly but surely going through the different compliance settings and figuring out which ones are easy and hard to implement based on time and complexity.

Finally, we gave our practice speech on November 12, 2024. We have a few things to work on, but overall, I am happy with the results because having two different groups working together is hard. In addition, we are changing which group goes first because of data criticality. Moreover, everything needs to be similar in our slides and deliverables, and there has been a lot of communication between the teams. Working together has been great.

After we had completed the speech, I felt relieved. Suffolks loved our presentation and were very happy with the results. Furthermore, they have been nice and even stated we can use them as references.

Overall, this has been the most challenging 50 hours so far. However, everything's coming together, and deadlines are being hit. If we continue at this pace, we will have everything done by this week and more practice under our belts before our final speech.